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TEL AVIV FOR THORNE

1. WHEN EMBOFFS AND CHRISTIAN/GETTIER INFORMED MAJ GEN MAGDUB OF CONTENTS REFTTEL; I.E., INTER ALIA THAT FIRST THREE 747 FLIGHTS WOULD BE COMING INTO TEL AVIV AND THAT ADVANCE TEAM WOULD RECEIVE QUARTERS AND MESSING AT ISRAEL BN SITE, MAGDUB'S ONLY REACTION WAS: "YOU'RE NOT ASKING US FOR ANYTHING AT ALL," SAID HALF-JOKINGLY.
2. WHILE NO OBJECTION WAS RAISED IN ANY WAY TO THESE PLANS, EMBASSY WISHES TO DRAW THORNE TEAM'S ATTENTION TO WHAT GOE IS LIKELY TO SEE AS APPARENT ABSENCE OF "SYMMETRY" IN FIRST STATE. EGYPTIANS UNDERSTAND LOGISTICAL AND TIME ADVANTAGES OF USING ISRAELI TERRITORY, BUT NEVERTHELESS THERE IS LIKELIHOOD THAT THEY FEEL A LITTLE LEFT OUT, OR SOON WILL, UNLESS THEY ARE BROUGHT MORE DIRECTLY INTO PROCESS. WE BELIEVE THORNE SHOULD KEEP IN MIND FOR HIS MEETINGS WITH GOE QUESTION OF MAINTAINING BALANCE BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES. HE COULD GO LONG WAY TOWARD ASSUAGING EGYPTIAN FEELINGS BY HAVING SOMETHING CONCRETE TO ASK ROM THEM IN MEETINGS JANUARY 24.

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